

5 February 1987
MJN 8703

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--January 1987

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. On 9 January, Iranian forces launched a long-expected offensive against Iraq code-named Karbala V. Iraqi media responded to this offensive with a change in programming that included the broadcasting of numerous military statements, short talks exhorting the Iraqi forces to crush the Iranian forces, and patriotic songs praising the Iraqi Armed Forces and President Saddam Husayn. INA announced an extension of its transmission time beginning with a 2-hour earlier signon and signoffs extended until further notice. Although these changes did not result in the bureau extending its hours of operation, an open-speaker watch continued on Iraqi media from 9 to 27 January with the filing of media behavior FYI's and numerous immediate military statements and communiques on the status of combat operations.

2. Amman Television Service in Arabic, via a satellite relay, broadcast live coverage on the 27 January opening session of the Islamic Conference Organization summit from Kuwait. The bureau responded to this unannounced programming, which was fortuitously intercepted early in progress, with the filing of a two-take Editorial Report from Television on the opening session, which was run on the wire as the sole reportage on the session. Coverage of later sessions/speeches was coordinated with LD/BBC.

B. Lateral Services

1. At the request of a special embassy consumer, bureau is providing audio cassettes of a 10-part BBC-produced serial being broadcast by Amman Domestic Service in English entitled "Pay Any Price." In the serial, author Ted Allbeury reconstructs the events surrounding the shooting of former President John F. Kennedy by Lee Harvey Oswald. The bureau is also providing transcripts of selected portions. Having missed the opening installment, the bureau contacted Jordan Radio and was able to procure a recording.

2. During attempts to comply with Headquarters messages instructing the field to assign two routing indicators to the same Bach consumer number, the bureau brought to light the discrepancy between HQ instructiona and Bach operating instructions, under which

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each consumer can have only one routing indicator and one plain language address per Bach consumer number. When apprised of the problem, ADD was able to provide a temporary solution and to institute coordination procedures to ensure that contrary instructions are not transmitted to field bureaus.

3. On 3 February the bureau received a message from the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad requesting a reinstatement of limited distribution of FBIS items on the Iran-Iraq war and the Arab-Israeli peace process, which had been dropped due to the minimize on Baghdad. The embassy cable stated that the information was necessary for them "to properly function." The cable concluded with the following remark: "Please accept this request as a compliment on the utility of your work."

C. Technical

1. Comscribe printers for press agency coverage have been modified to allow for switching between 50 and 75 baud, via an external switch. Diagrams of the modification have been forwarded to Headquarters and NC.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. The search is again on for a new monitor to fill the one remaining monitorial slot. The vacancy will be filled earlier than originally planned thanks to the rapid progress made by the two newest monitors, [] who have been placed in operational status. We have identified a good candidate from our previous campaign and will also be testing a candidate who advertised in the Jordan TIMES for a translator's job. We hope to begin processing and have the trainee on board by early next month.

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2. Monitor-Supervisor [] underwent a successful appendectomy on 25 January, and is scheduled to return to duty on 15 February.

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3. It was catch-up time for a PSI for recently transferred Monitor-Supervisor [] who received a step increase to FBN-12/9 effective 23 November. Chief Monitor [] received a PSI to the same level effective 18 January. Commo operator [] received a PSI to FBN-5/6 effective 4 January.

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4. The embassy has issued a notice changing Jordan allowances as follows: per diem--from \$105 to \$108; COLA--from 5 percent to 10 percent; TLA--from \$53/day to \$55/day.

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ATT: Monthly Production Report

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

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JORDAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	365,240
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	78,690
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	998

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
----- (MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	7258	28488	164

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

BAHRAIN	
MANAMA WAKH IN	
ARABIC	6588
ALSO: ABU DHABI WAKH IN	
ARABIC	168
DQHA QNA IN	
ARABIC	2338
MUSCAT QNA IN	
ARABIC	8
MANAMA WAKH IN	
ENGLISH	628
EGYPT	
CAIRO AKHBAR AL-YAWM IN	
ARABIC	8
CAIRO AL-AHALI IN	
ARABIC	588
CAIRO AL-AHRAM IN	
ARABIC	2128
CAIRO AL-AKBAR IN	
ARABIC	4488
CAIRO AL-JUMHURIYAH IN	
ARABIC	548
CAIRO AL-MUSANNAR IN	

CAIRO UKIUBAK IN		
ARABIC		0
CAIRO ROSE AL-YUSUF IN		0
ARABIC		0
FRANCE		
PARIS RADIO MONTE CARLO IN		
ARABIC	9400	
PARIS AL-MUSTAQBAL IN		
ARABIC		0
PARIS AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI IN		
ARABIC		15800
IRAQ		
BAGHDAD VOICE OF THE MASSES IN		
ARABIC	63500	
BAGHDAD VOICE OF THE PLO IN		
ARABIC	22140	
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN		
ARABIC	3110	
BAGHDAD INA IN		
ARABIC		35700
BAGHDAD INA IN		
ENGLISH		0
BAGHDAD AL-JUMHURIYAH IN		
ARABIC		0
BAGHDAD AL-THAWRAH IN		
ARABIC		0
ISRAEL		
JERUSALEM IN		
ARABIC TO THE ARAB WORLD	1630	
JORDAN		
AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN		
ARABIC	9090	
AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN		
ENGLISH	4700	
AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN		
ARABIC	3900	
AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN		
ENGLISH	600	
AMMAN PETRA-JNA IN		
ARABIC		500
AMMAN AKHDAR AL-USBU' IN		
ARABIC		0
AMMAN AL-BUSTUR IN		
ARABIC		9260
AMMAN AL-RA'Y IN		
ARABIC		7140
AMMAN THE JERUSALEM STAR IN		
ENGLISH		1270
AMMAN JORDAN TIMES IN		
ENGLISH		5590
AMMAN SAHT AL-SHA'B IN		
ARABIC		2600

KUWAIT AL-ANBA' IN	
ARABIC	
KUWAIT AL-QABAS IN	9330
ARABIC	
KUWAIT AL-RAY AL-YAMN IN	5350
ARABIC	
KUWAIT AL-SIYASAH IN	5850
ARABIC	
KUWAIT TIMES IN	6570
ENGLISH	
LEBANON	0
NARJ 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN	
ARABIC	840
OMAN	
MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	8090
MUSCAT 'UMAN IN	
ARABIC	
MUSCAT OMAN DAILY OBSERVER IN	330
ENGLISH	
SAUDI ARABIA	4670
RIYADH AL-JAZIRAH IN	
ARABIC	
RIYADH AL-RIYAD IN	0
ARABIC	
AL-DAMHAM AL-YAMN IN	0
ARABIC	
JEDDAH SAUDI GAZETTE IN	1300
ENGLISH	
JEDDAH 'UKAZ IN	0
ARABIC	
SUDAN	0
KHARTOUM SUMA IN	
ARABIC	13390
KHARTOUM SUMA IN	
ENGLISH	8040
KHARTOUM KUMA IN	
ENGLISH TO KUMA KUWAIT	400
SYRIA	
DAMASCUS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	23750
DAMASCUS TELEVISION SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	16910
DAMASCUS SANA IN	
ARABIC	2200
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	
ABU DHABI AL-ITTINAD IN	
ARABIC	
ABU DHABI AL-ITTINAD AL-USBU'I IN	2070
ARABIC	
DUBAYY AL-BAYAN IN	1490
ARABIC	
YEMEN	2130
SANAA VOICE OF PALESTINE IN	
ARABIC	9850
SANAA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	16470